

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 and under 37 CFR 1.75 c.

In connection with the Examiner's objection and rejection, applicants canceled the original claims and submitted a new set of claims 10-18, that include claim 10 which is the broadest method claim, claims 11-17 which are dependent claims and depend on claim 10, and claim 18 which is an apparatus claim and defines a control unit in accordance with the present invention.

It is believed that the new claims will satisfy the Examiner's requirements, and the Examiner's grounds for the formal objection and rejection should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Applicants have also amended the specification to bring it in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice, in particular by providing corresponding headings and eliminating the references to the claims. Also, a new Abstract of the Disclosure has been submitted.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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